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Application No.: 08/848,243	: Group Art Unit: 2612
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

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1-159470	Japan	November 6, 1989
60-250785	Japan	December 11, 1985
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REMARKS

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the Request for Continued Examination papers in the subject application.

The JP '470, JP '785, JP '877 and JP '070 references were cited during prosecution of a corresponding Japanese patent application. English translations of the JP '470, JP '785, JP '877 and JP '070 references are not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. English abstracts obtained from a commercial database for each of the JP '785, JP '877, and JP '070 references, and an English annotated copy of the JP '470 reference are provided herewith as English language statements of relevance for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of an Official Communication in connection with the corresponding Japanese patent application, together with an English translation of the "Reason for Refusal", indicating how these references were deemed pertinent to the Japanese application, also is provided as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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